

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are pending, of which claims 7-18 are withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi et al. (US 2004/0037021A1) in view of Kamijima (US 2003/0099054A1). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi et al. and Kamijima in view of either Cole et al. (US 5,452,164) or Ohtomo et al. (US 6,791,795 B2). Claims 4-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakanishi et al. and Kamijima in view of Cohen (US 6,195,232 B1).

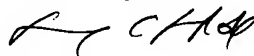
Applicants note that Nakanishi et al. is not prior art. The present application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application JP2002-342184, filed on November 26, 2002. Nakanishi et al. has a U.S. filing date of February 25, 2003, and a publication date of February 26, 2004. It is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), (b), or (e). To show that the present application is entitled to the priority date of November 26, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit an English translation of the certified copy of Japanese Patent Application JP2002-342184 with a Declaration signed by Yoshio Miyata stating that the attached translation is a full, true, and faithful translation of the certified copy of the JO2002-342184.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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